

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
February 23, 2018 11 AM

Chairman Christine Vough called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. Supervisors also present were George Ballenstedt, Susan Seck and Kirstie Lake. Secretary Robin Smith was also in attendance. Solicitor John Thompson arrived at 11:40 AM.

Chairman Vough took the Board into executive session at 11:11 AM for personnel with Chief Roger Clink. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:15 PM.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to authorize Chief Clink to proceed with the remaining components of the background check and oral interview, and to authorize Attorney Thompson to draft the Memorandum of Understanding.

Roger advised the Board that the 2016 Tahoe is in the shop for engine replacement.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to pay the Round Top Park Phase III invoice #4 from Solid Ground Services in the amount of \$18,372.50. This will be paid with funds from the Capital Purchase account, and will be paid back to the Capital Purchase account by the Parks and Rec Account as soon as funds are available.

Robin gave John Thompson a copy of the Supplemental Engineering Agreement for Preliminary Engineering for the Thomas Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. John will review and recommend approval at our February 28th meeting if everything is in order.

Chairman Vough took the Board into executive session again at 12:20 PM for personnel. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:40 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to appoint Tressa Heffron as Athens Township Supervisor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ronald Reagan submitted on February 8th and accepted by the Board on February 12, 2018.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to close McKinney Hill Road until further notice because of severe mud issues.

George was asked about the proposed fire tax by the members of the fire company on Wednesday night. The fire company is concerned that a fire tax will create problems for them as far as fundraising goes, and may affect their fund drive. They asked if the fire tax would go only to the fire company and no one else, and that is correct. Robin said the Local Services Tax would be the tax that would be split with other entities. They asked if the township would continue to pay the hydrant fees and the Worker's Comp if this fire tax was implemented, and the township would. Robin said if the fire tax was implemented, they would have a guaranteed amount each year. She does, however, share their concern about the effect on the fundraising capabilities. Susan would like us

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to look at the Local Services Tax. John will have information for us on the taxes for the meeting on the 28th.

Kirstie would like to look into how to get a School Resource Officer for the school. She would like to get a committee together of the borough(s), school, community member(s) to see what would be involved. The Board is in favor of her researching this.

There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary